SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION [Release No. 34-94402; File No. SR-CboeBZX-2022-016]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Reflect a Modification to the Permitted Components of the Tracking Basket of the Hartford Large Cap Growth ETF, and to Permit the Use of Custom Baskets by the Hartford Large Cap Growth ETF, the Invesco US Large Cap Core ETF, and the Invesco Real Assets ESG ETF

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Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on March 4, 2022, Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "BZX") proposes to i) permit the Hartford Large Cap Growth ETF (the "Fund"), shares of which are listed and traded on the Exchange under BZX Rule 14.11(m), to include select securities from which a Fund's investments are selected such as a broad-based market index ("Investment Universe") in the Fund's Tracking Basket, and ii) permit the Fund and certain other series of Tracking Fund Shares that are listed and traded on the Exchange to use Custom Baskets.

The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Exchange's website (http://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/regulation/rule_filings/bzx/), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange adopted BZX Rule 14.11(m) for the purpose of permitting the listing and trading, or pursuant to unlisted trading privileges ("UTP"), of Tracking Fund Shares, which are securities issued by an actively managed open-end management investment company.³ Exchange Rule 14.11(m)(2)(A) requires the Exchange to file separate proposals under Section 19(b) of the Act before listing and trading any series of Tracking Fund Shares on the Exchange. Pursuant to this

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 93273 (October 7, 2021), 86 FR 57237 (October 14, 2021) (SR-CboeBZX-2021-063) (Notice and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To List and Trade Shares of Hartford Large Cap Growth ETF, a Series of Hartford Funds Exchange-Traded Trust, Under Rule 14.11(m), Tracking Fund Shares (the "Original Filing")). Rule 14.11(m)(3)(A) provides that "[t]he term "Tracking Fund Share" means a security that (i) represents an interest in an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Investment Company") organized as an open-end management investment company, that invests in a portfolio of securities selected by the Investment Company's investment adviser consistent with the Investment Company's investment objectives and policies; (ii) is issued in a specified aggregate minimum number in return for a deposit of a specified Tracking Basket and/or a cash amount with a value equal to the next determined net asset value; (iii) when aggregated in the same specified minimum number, may be redeemed at a holder's request, which holder will be paid a specified Tracking Basket and/or a cash amount with a value equal to the next determined net asset value; and (iv) the portfolio holdings for which are disclosed within at least 60 days following the end of every fiscal quarter. Rule 14.11(m)(3)(E) provides that "[t]he term "Tracking Basket" means the identities and quantities of the securities and other assets included in a basket that is designed to closely track the daily performance of the Fund Portfolio, as provided in the exemptive relief under the Investment Company Act of 1940 applicable to a series of Tracking Fund Shares."

provision, the Exchange submitted proposals to list and trade shares ("Shares") of Tracking Fund Shares of the Fund.

The Fund is an actively-managed exchange-traded fund for which the Hartford Funds

Exchange-Traded Trust (the "Issuer") submitted an application for exemptive relief (the

"Application") which was granted under an exemptive order (the "Exemptive Order", and the

Exemptive Order together with the Application the "Exemptive Relief") issued on August 5, 2021.⁴

The Fund's Application incorporated the conditions and requirements to an exemptive order from
the SEC under the 1940 Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-1) (the "Reference Order")⁵ to Fidelity Management &

Research Company and FMR Co., Inc., Fidelity Beach Street Trust, and Fidelity Distributors

Corporation (collectively referred to as "Fidelity"). Moreover, the relief in the Exemptive Order
incorporates by reference terms and conditions of the same relief of the Reference Order, as that
order may be amended from time to time.

Pursuant to the Reference Order, funds operating under such Reference Order are required to publish a basket of securities and cash that, while different from the fund's portfolio, is designed to closely track its daily performance (i.e., the Tracking Basket). Further, it provided that the Tracking Basket will solely consist of a combination of (i) select recently disclosed portfolio holdings ("Strategy Components"); (ii) liquid U.S. exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") that convey information about the types of instruments (that are not otherwise fully represented by the Strategy Components) in which a fund invests ("Representative ETFs"); and (iii) cash and cash equivalents.

On August 5, 2021, the Reference Order, and by incorporation the Exemptive Relief, was amended to, among other things, permit the Issuer to include select securities from which a Fund's investments are selected such as a broad-based market index ("Investment Universe") in the Fund's

See Investment Company Release No. 34324 (July 7, 2021) 86 FR 36839 (July 13, 2021) (the Application) and 34351 (August 5, 2021) (the Exemptive Order) (File No. 812-15232).

^{5 &}lt;u>See</u> Investment Company Act Release No. 33683 (November 14, 2019), 84 FR 64140 (November 20, 2019) (the Fidelity notice of application) and 33712 (December 10, 2019) (the Reference Order) (File No. 812-14364).

Tracking Basket.⁶ Based on this change, the Exchange is submitting this proposal to permit the Fund to include select securities from the Investment Universe in the Fund's Tracking Basket. Such an amendment will allow the Fund to utilize such provision in accordance with the amended Reference Order and its Exemptive Relief and the Exchange is updating the listing rule for the Shares accordingly.

Pursuant to the Reference Order, the Fund and the Invesco US Large Cap Core ETF and Invesco Real Assets ESG ETF⁷ (collectively, the "Fidelity Model Funds") create shares in return for a deposit by the purchaser of, and redeem shares at a holder's request in return for, a Tracking Basket or cash. Furthermore, the original filings to list and trade shares of the Fidelity Model Funds provided that each of the Fidelity Model Fund would create and redeem their shares using the Tracking Basket or cash. The August 5, 2021 amendments to the Reference Order allow the Fidelity Model Funds to create and redeem their shares using cash, a Tracking Basket or a "Custom Basket", which is a creation or redemption unit that differs from a fund's Tracking Basket.⁸ Additionally, on September 28, 2021 the Commission approved the Exchange's proposal to amend Exchange Rule

See Investment Company Act Release No. 34326 (July 9, 2021) 86 FR 37391 (July 15, 2021) (the Fidelity notice of application to amend the Reference Order) and 34350 (August 5, 2021) (the order granting the amendment to the Reference Order).

Similar to the Fund, the exemptive relief provided Invesco US Large Cap Core ETF and Invesco Real Assets ESG ETF incorporates by reference the terms and conditions of the same relief of the Reference Order, as that order may be amended from time to time. See Investment Company Act Release No. 34041 (October 1, 2020) 85 FR 63325 (October 7, 2020) (the application for exemptive relief) and 34076 (October 27, 2020) (the exemptive order, together with the application for exemptive relief referred to as the "Invesco Exemptive Relief") (File No. 812-15141). Further, the shares of the Invesco US Large Cap Core ETF and Invesco Real Assets ESG ETF are listed and traded on the Exchange.

See Securities and Exchange Act No. 90686 (December 16, 2020) 85 FR 83657 (December 22, 2020) (SR-CboeBZX-2020-090) (Notice of filing and immediate effectiveness of a proposed rule to list and trade shares of the Invesco Real Assets ESG ETF and the Invesco US Large Cap Core ESG ETF, each a series of the Invesco Actively Managed Exchange-Traded Fund Trust, under Rule 14.11(m) (Tracking Fund Shares)).

⁸ Supra note 6.

14.11(m) to provide for the use of Custom Baskets consistent with each of the Fidelity Model Funds respective exemptive relief.⁹

Now, the Exchange is submitting this proposal to modify representations made in the original filing of each Fidelity Model Fund that provided that creation and redemption will occur using the Tracking Basket or cash. Specifically, the proposal would permit the Fidelity Model Funds to use a Custom Basket, in addition to a Tracking Basket or cash, to create or redeem their shares in accordance with their respective exemptive relief and amended Exchange Rule 14.11(m). Accordingly, the issuers of each of the Fidelity Model Funds each represent that it and any person acting on behalf of such fund will comply with Regulation Fair Disclosure under the Act, I including with respect to any Custom Basket. Each issuer also represents that for each Custom Basket utilized by each Fidelity Model Fund, each business day, before the opening of trading in Regular Trading Hours (as defined in Rule 1.5(w)), the investment company shall make publicly available on its website the composition of any Custom Basket transacted on the previous business day, except a Custom Basket that differs from the applicable Tracking Basket only with respect to cash. Finally, the adviser and sub-adviser to each of the Fidelity Model Funds each

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See Securities and Exchange Act No. 93147 (September 28, 2021) 86 FR 54772 (October 4, 2021) (SR-CboeBZX-2021-053) (Order granting approval of a proposed rule to change to amend Rule 14.11(m) (Tracking Fund Shares) to provide the use of Custom Baskets consistent with the exemptive relief issued pursuant to the Investment Company Act of 1940 applicable to a series of Tracking Fund Shares).

BZX has already modified the listing rules for the Invesco US Large Cap Core ESG ETF and Invesco Real Assets ESG ETF to permit each of the funds to include select securities from its respective Investment Universe in the fund's Tracking Basket. See Securities Exchange Act No. 93546 (November 9, 2021) 86 FR 63429 (November 16, 2021) (SR-CboeBZX-2021-075) (Notice of filing and immediate effectiveness of a proposed rule change to reflect a modification to the permitted components of the Tracking Baskets of the Invesco Real Assets ESG ETF and Invesco US Large Cap Core ESG ETF).

¹⁷ CFR 243.100-243.103. Regulation Fair Disclosure provides that whenever an issuer, or any person acting on its behalf, discloses material nonpublic information regarding that issuer or its securities to certain individuals or entities—generally, securities market professionals, such as stock analysts, or holders of the issuer's securities who may well trade on the basis of the information—the issuer must make public disclosure of that information.

represent that a fire wall exists and will be maintained between the respective personnel at each of (i) the adviser and sub-adviser, and (ii) their respective affiliated broker-dealers with respect to access to information concerning the composition and/or changes to the applicable fund's portfolio, Tracking Basket, and/or the Custom Basket, as applicable. Specifically, the adviser and the subadviser each represent that the personnel who make decisions on the applicable fund's portfolio composition, Tracking Basket, and/or Custom Basket or who have access to nonpublic information regarding the Fund Portfolio, ¹² Tracking Basket, and/or Creation Basket or changes thereto are subject to procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material non-public information regarding such portfolio, Tracking Basket, and/or Creation Basket. In the event that (a) the adviser or a sub-adviser becomes registered as a broker-dealer or newly affiliated with a brokerdealer; or (b) any new adviser or sub-adviser is a registered broker-dealer or becomes newly affiliated with a broker-dealer; it will implement and maintain a fire wall with respect to its relevant personnel or such broker-dealer affiliate, as applicable, regarding access to information concerning the composition and/or changes to the Fund Portfolio, Tracking Basket, and/or Creation Basket, and will be subject to procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material nonpublic information regarding such portfolio, Tracking Basket, and/or Creation Basket. Any person or entity, including any service provider for any of the Fidelity Model Funds, who has access to nonpublic information regarding the Fund Portfolio, Tracking Basket, and/or Creation Basket or changes thereto for the Custom Basket Fund will be subject to procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material nonpublic information regarding the Fund Portfolio, Tracking Basket or Creation Basket or changes thereto. Further, any such person or entity that is registered as a broker-dealer or affiliated with a broker-dealer, must have erected and will maintain a "fire wall"

As defined in Rule 14.11(m)(3)(B), the term "Fund Portfolio" means the identities and quantities of the securities and other assets held by the Investment Company that will form the basis for the Investment Company's calculation of net asset value at the end of the business day.

between the person or entity and the broker-dealer with respect to access to information concerning the composition and/or changes to such Fund Portfolio, Tracking Basket, or Creation Basket.

Each of the Fidelity Model Funds will comply with the above-described conditions as well as the conditions of the Reference Order, as amended, and the Exchange is updating the listing rule for the Shares accordingly. Except for the changes noted above, all other representations made in prior filings for each Fidelity Model Fund¹³ remain unchanged and will continue to constitute continued listing requirements for each of the Fidelity Model Funds. The Fidelity Model Funds will also continue to comply with the requirements of Rule 14.11(m).

2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.¹⁴ Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)¹⁵ requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

The proposed rule change is designed to perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. The proposed amendments would i) permit the Issuer to include select securities from the Fund's Investment Universe in the Fund's Tracking Basket, and ii) permit each of the Fidelity Model Funds the use of Custom Baskets, as provided in the amended Reference Order. The proposed rule change would permit the Fidelity

Supra notes 3 and 6.

^{14 15} U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

Model Funds to operate consistent with their respective exemptive relief, which incorporates the Reference Order that may be amended from time to time. The Exchange believes that the proposal to permit the Issuer to include select securities from the Fund's Investment Universe in the Fund's Tracking Basket raises no novel issues under the Act. Further, the Exchange believes the proposal to permit the Fidelity Model Funds the use of Custom Baskets is consistent with and contemplated by Rule 14.11(m), as amended, which the Commission found to be consistent with the Act. 17

Except for the changes noted above, all other representations made in the prior filings for each of the Fidelity Model Funds¹⁸ remain unchanged and, as noted, will continue to constitute continuing listing requirements for the Funds.

B. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purpose of the Act. As noted, the proposed amendments are intended to i) permit the Issuer to include select securities from the Fund's Investment Universe in the Fund's Tracking Basket, and ii) permit each of the Fidelity Model Funds the use of Custom Baskets, as provided in the amended Reference Order. The Exchange believes that these changes will not impose any burden on competition.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule</u> Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others

The Exchange neither solicited nor received comments on the proposed rule change.

See Securities and Exchange Act No. 92946 (September 13, 2021) 86 FR 51941 (September 17, 2021) (SR-CboeBZX-2021-060) (Notice of filing and immediate effectiveness of a proposed rule change to reflect an Amendment to the Application and Exemptive Order governing the following funds, shares of which are listed and traded on the Exchange under BZX Rule 14.11(m): Fidelity Growth Opportunities ETF, Fidelity Magellan ETF, Fidelity Real Estate Investment ETF, Fidelity Small-Mid Cap Opportunities ETF, Fidelity Blue Chip Value ETF, Fidelity Blue Chip Growth ETF, and Fidelity New Millennium ETF). See also supra note 10.

Supra note 9.

Supra notes 3 and 6.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁹ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)²⁰ thereunder.²¹

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)²² normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),²³ the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposed rule change may take effect upon filing. The Exchange represents that the Funds will continue to comply with the requirements of BZX Rule 14.11(m). The Commission believes that waiver of the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because the proposed rule change does not raise any new or novel issues.²⁴ Accordingly, the Commission waives the 30-day operative delay and designates the proposal operative upon filing.²⁵

¹⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

²⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁷ CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange satisfied this requirement.

²² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

²³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 93147, supra note 9, and 93546, supra note 10.

For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-CboeBZX-2022-016 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CboeBZX-2022-016. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet website (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F

Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m.

and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the

principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change.

Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying

information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to

make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CboeBZX-2022-016

and should be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 21 DAYS AFTER DATE OF

PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated

authority.²⁶

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17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).